



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 50 percent grazed. Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair with 40 percent grazed. Lettuce conditions were mostly good. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to good. Sheep conditions were mostly good. Range and pasture conditions ranged from fair to good. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

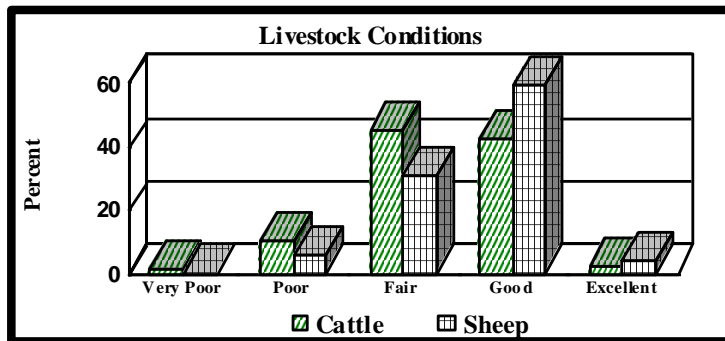
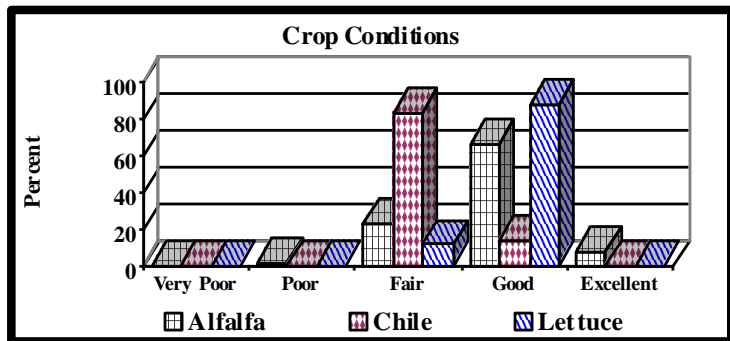
Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 17 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Wind damage was 19 percent, 12 percent moderate and 5 percent severe, with 23 percent winter wheat wind damage and 8 percent onion wind damage to date. Freeze damage was 9 percent light, 15 percent moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 st Cutting	15	13	20	36
Chile	Planted	85	76	76	85
Corn	Planted	21	---	31	31
Cotton	Planted	50	33	27	34
Sorghum	Planted	5	3	6	1
Wheat	Grazed	44	43	69	30

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	24	66	8
Chile	---	1	84	15	---
Lettuce	---	---	12	88	---
Onions	---	---	1	95	4
Wheat (All)	---	1	40	51	8
Cattle	1	10	45	42	2
Sheep	---	6	31	59	4
Range/Pasture	15	22	33	29	2



County Reporter Comments:

Santa Fe Spotty rains, some hail recently but no reports of significant damage. Hard freezes last week; some damage to orchard crops. Alfalfa is off to a very slow start again; still cold at night. No significant growth yet. **Quay** Most days were suitable for working. Some rainfall and high winds were received toward the end of the week. Noticing mesquite is budding out, an indication that soil temperatures are adequate. Wheat is progressing well. **Catron/Socorro** Good general rains were received in both counties. Still experiencing low nighttime temperatures in most areas. Farmers were busy leveling land, fertilizing and other pre-plant activities.

Alfalfa aphids were showing up as well as an abundance of mustard weed. Kochia weeds were cropping up, providing some greenery for cattle. Temperatures were still freezing at night in Catron county, nothing growing there yet. **Eddy** Balder pod was plentiful and provided an excellent source for grazing. Some fillerie was starting to come up as well. Pecan tops were showing signs of freeze damage.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	---	10	83	7
Northeast	---	14	74	12
Southwest	8	29	56	7
Southeast	21	11	68	---
State Current	7	17	69	7
State-Last Week	4	32	58	6
State-Last Year	39	48	13	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	33	34	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	---	35	41	24	---
Northeast	6	16	44	27	4
Southwest	38	21	21	20	---
Southeast	8	25	31	35	1
State Current	15	22	33	28	2
State-Last Week	14	19	35	29	3
State-Last Year	13	36	46	4	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	28	31	26	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

At the beginning of the week, showers continued to impact New Mexico from last weekend's system. By mid week, another cold front crossed through the state bringing snow at higher elevations in the north central mountains and rain with windy conditions.

Rainfall amounts were higher in central and northeast New Mexico with just a trace at Carlsbad. Temperatures in central New Mexico were a few degrees below normal and north of the state were above normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 19 - 25, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Accum.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>
				19 Apr 25 Apr	01 Apr 25 Apr	01 Jan 25 Apr	Apr	Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	56.4	77	38	0.21	0.61	1.88	0.52	1.96
Chama	43.6	67	22	0.34	1.70	6.98	1.27	6.61
Farmington	54.1	75	32	0.29	0.33	4.17	0.51	2.48
Gallup	48.6	71	25	0.23	0.28	2.69	0.64	3.23
Grants	49.2	75	23	0.05	0.69	2.73	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	48.1	68	26	0.38	1.66	2.14	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	48.8	68	32	1.03	1.79	3.96	1.00	3.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	49.0	72	27	0.21	0.31	4.66	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	49.6	73	26	0.15	0.39	4.28	1.01	2.86
Clayton	56.1	73	38	0.04	1.04	5.11	0.94	2.04
Clovis	57.7	77	39	0.00	0.27	1.84	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	48.4	71	26	0.14	0.28	1.98	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	49.2	72	28	0.43	0.73	3.94	0.66	2.10
Raton	51.9	75	27	0.29	1.21	3.64	1.06	2.90
Roy	54.9	74	37	0.27	0.82	3.10	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	59.1	80	38	0.25	0.69	4.09	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	57.6	78	36	0.20	0.21	3.59	0.20	1.86
Deming	58.1	82	38	0.09	0.09	3.73	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	51.1	71	29	0.29	0.79	2.91	0.64	2.88
Quemado	48.1	72	23	0.30	0.34	1.61	0.60	2.95
Socorro	53.4	76	29	0.51	1.50	1.52	0.36	1.41
T or C	58.3	77	40	0.15	1.30	2.42	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	59.1	82	38	0.62	0.93	3.57	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	63.4	87	45	0.00	0.66	3.19	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	60.3	83	41	0.06	0.09	1.68	0.21	1.26
Roswell	57.6	85	37	0.05	1.00	4.49	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	49.1	68	31	0.78	1.40	6.12	0.63	4.24
Tatum	58.6	81	38	0.00	1.27	2.98	0.64	2.05

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.